

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended.

The Applicant thanks the examiner for the indication that claims 2-7 are allowed.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as anticipated by Shimizu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,634,290). Claim 1 has been amended. For at least the following reasons, the examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Shimizu does not disclose or teach "if an incomplete opening part in which a part of the opening part partly protrudes so that a configuration is not completed is detected from an image obtained in one image pick-up visual field, a process for obtaining data of a complete opening part to which the incomplete opening part belongs is carried out in accordance with the detected result" as recited in amended claim 1.

Shimizu discloses a process that occurs after the inspection of printed material printed on an object with a through-hole. In Shimizu, the object is reprinted when the inspection shows that the printed material is short on the portion with the through-hole. Since Shimizu does not teach a process that occurs before the printing and inspecting of the printed material on the object, Shimizu fails to disclose or teach a process of forming printing inspection data to be used in the printing inspection. Therefore, Shimizu does not disclose or teach a process for obtaining data of a complete opening part to which the incomplete opening part belongs as in the claimed invention. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.


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In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36067.

Respectfully submitted,

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